

Important 2018 Gubernatorial General Election Deadlines

October 16th is the Deadline to Register to Vote, Change Party Affiliation, Update an Address, and Request an Alternate Polling Place

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Annapolis, Maryland (October 2, 2018): Important deadlines for the upcoming 2018 Gubernatorial General Election are approaching. The deadline to register to vote, change party affiliation, update an address, and request an alternate polling place for this election is **9:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2018**.

To vote in the upcoming general election, Maryland residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old on or before the November 6th General Election – must register **by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2018**. This is also the last day for registered voters to update their address with their local board of elections or change their party affiliation.

Howard County residents with a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID may register to vote, change their address, or change their party affiliation online at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration

Voters and members of the military, their spouses and dependents who are overseas and who do not have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID, may also register or change their address or party affiliation online using different identifying information.

Paper voter registration applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to the Howard County Board of Elections. A hand-delivered application must be received by the Howard County Board of Elections by 9:00 pm on October 16, 2018, and a mailed application must be postmarked by October 16, 2018.

Voter registration applications are available throughout Maryland at the following locations:

Local boards of elections
Motor Vehicle Administration offices
State Department of Health offices
Local Department of Social Services offices
Offices on Aging
Division of Rehabilitation Services
The MTA Paratransit Certification Office

Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces
Public institutions of higher education
Marriage license bureaus
Post offices
Public libraries
State Board of Elections

You may also call 1-800-222-8683 to request an application by mail or download and print a voter registration application at elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Most of Maryland's polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities. An elderly voter or a voter with a disability who is assigned to an inaccessible polling place may ask to be reassigned to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by 9:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018**. The request form is available online at elections.maryland.gov/pdf/request_for_accessible_polling_place.pdf

Voters can also call 1-800-222-8683 to request a form by mail. On receipt of a timely request, the Howard County Board of Elections will review the request and determine whether there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and notify the voter of the status of his or her request.

To verify voter registration status or to find out if an assigned polling place is accessible, voters may visit: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

The 2018 Gubernatorial General Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Starting Thursday, October 25th through and including Thursday, November 1st, voters may vote in person between 10am and 8pm at the designated early voting center(s) in their county of residence. Information about early voting centers and early voting in general is available at elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html

For more information, voters may contact the Howard County Board of Election at 410-313-5820 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit elections.maryland.gov.

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